

vice-chairman of the board of directors of the Miami Children's Hospital, she certainly has done a lot to change that.

Even with her busy practice, Dr. Simpson has found the energy and the time to advance the cause of medical education. She served as the national president of Meharry Medical College, and was elected Alumna of the Year in 1975 and 1995. She is a life member of the NAACP, attesting to several years of continuous service.

In addition to her professional success and community efforts, Dr. Simpson is a mother of three children and an active participant in her church. And although she is a very accomplished woman, she is modest and reluctant to call attention to her achievements. It is in this spirit that, on the occasion of her retirement, I would like to pay tribute to a role model, for all Americans, Dr. Dazelle Dean Simpson.

#### RECOGNITION OF FRANK PEDONE

##### HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Frank J. Pedone, executive vice president of the Bergen County—New Jersey—Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Pedone will be presented with the distinguished Eagle Scout Award January 19 at the council's Eagle recognition dinner. This is one of scouting's highest honors, presented to only 1,200 individuals nationwide. It is a fitting and well-deserved recognition of Mr. Pedone's many years of devoted dedication to scouting and to the young men for whom scouting helps build character and integrity.

The distinguished Eagle Scout Award was established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves in business, professions, or service to their country. Only Eagle Scouts who have earned the Eagle Scout Award a minimum of 25 years are eligible for nomination. The award is made by the National Court of Honor upon the recommendation of a committee of distinguished Eagle Scouts.

Among past recipients have been President Gerald Ford, astronaut James Lovell, and movie director Steven Spielberg.

Mr. Pedone, of Cliffside Park, NJ, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1963 and has received many scouting awards since, including the Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Vigil Honor, Silver Wreath, Distinguished Commissioner Award and Silver Antelope. He has served as a board member of the Bergen Council since 1988 and has held many leadership positions within the council. He also serves on the executive board of the Greater New York Council of the BSA, with which he has been active since 1972.

As president of Pedone & Associates Inc., an executive recruiting firm, Mr. Pedone has used his professional skills and contacts to bring numerous high ranking and talented executives into scouting service. He and those he has recruited—both as volunteers and for BSA staff positions—have helped tremendously with BSA fundraising and organization of scouting units and activities.

He was instrumental in establishment of the \$7 million Cub World facility built at Camp Alpine for Cub Scouts, among other projects.

Mr. Pedone's public service has not been limited to scouting. He has been active in the Catholic church, serving as Parish Council President, a district warden of the Knights of Columbus and chairman of a parish youth council. He has been president of three homeowners associations. He is a member of the New York University Fundraising Committee and has been cited by the New Jersey Assembly for his community service.

Mr. Pedone is a wonderful example of how a successful individual can give something back to his community. He has followed his scout's oath to do his best, to do his duty to God and country, and to help others at all times.

#### MARIA CHRISTINA ROSA, A DEDICATED COMMUNITY LEADER

##### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Christina Rosa, who is retiring as the president of the Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth. An event will be held in her honor on Saturday in Union, NJ.

Ms. Rosa came to the United States from her native hometown of Tao Alto, Puerto Rico, in 1956. As a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, Ms. Rosa attended Edison State College and worked at John E. Runnell's Hospital in Union as a patient services coordinator for 20 years. In 1979, she began working with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and for 16 years she has devoted herself to helping individuals fight for their civil rights.

Despite her very busy work load, Ms. Rosa is very active within the community. She has dedicated her time and efforts to improving our educational system by serving as a member or delegate in numerous city and statewide committees related to education. She served as secretary for the Advisory Committee for Bilingual Education in Elizabeth and until recently was one of the members of the Elizabeth Educational Foundation.

As president, for the past 6 years, of the Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth, Inc., Ms. Rosa has been able to raise funds for educational scholarships. The various ethnic, historical, and cultural celebrations hosted by the Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth have given the community an opportunity to experience the rich cultural heritage of Puerto Rico. She has also volunteered her time for a variety of social and community organizations such as the Puerto Rican State Wide Parade of New Jersey, the Puerto Rican Association of Professional Women, the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey, and the Elizabeth Borinquen Lions Club.

Her service and outstanding dedication to her work and to the citizenry have merited her appointments as commissioner of the Elizabeth Welfare Board, commissioner of the Union County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, and commissioner of New Jersey State Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Commission.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Maria Christina Rosa, an outstanding community leader and role model. I wish her the best

of luck on her retirement, may she always maintain that spirit of generosity and love that she has given to the public.

#### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

##### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I enter the attached resolution, H.R. 791, from the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

H.R. No. 791

By: Representatives Bunn of the 74th, Heckstall of the 55th, Hembree of the 98th, Mueller of the 152nd, Brown of the 130th and others

#### A RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the American troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina urging President Clinton and the Congress to give the troops sufficient resources to ensure their well-being; and for other purposes.

*Whereas*, President Clinton has dispatched American troops to assist in supervising the fragile peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and

*Whereas*, those American men and women along with their NATO counterparts are experiencing severe hardship and facing real personal danger in order to protect the former combatants and their respective civilian populations in that tragic region; and

*Whereas*, those brave men and women deserve not only our moral support but also the real material support necessary to ensure their safety in a hostile environment.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives*, That the members of this body express their confidence that the American troops deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina will acquit themselves professionally and honorably, pledge their unreserved support for the American troops, and pray that their mission will bring a return of peace and prosperity to the citizens of the region.

*Be it further resolved*, That the members of this body urge the President and Congress to provide the United States contingent with the resources and support necessary to ensure the success of their mission and their early safe return home.

*Be it further resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to President Clinton, the presiding officers of the House of Representatives and Senate, the majority leader of the Senate, and the Secretary of Defense.

#### TRIBUTE TO EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF

##### HON. VICTOR O. FRAZER

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mr. FRAZER. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to the members of the eighth legislature of the Virgin Islands, with special recognition of Dr. Melvin Herbert Evans posthumously, the Governor of the Virgin Islands who signed this historic legislation into law.